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Greetings,

As an IT professional, I'm appalled at the Microsoft settlement. You've basically given Microsoft an opportunity to saturate schools with massive pro-Microsoft product marketing. This type of marketing is what they've done all along; This is no punishment! Their products are founded upon proprietary operability with other Microsoft products, at the expense of operability with competitors products. Don't get me wrong, I use both Microsoft operating systems and software products, but the two are too tightly coupled. The public would have been better served had the Operating Systems group been split from the Software group. That would truly have fostered many potentially lucrative and beneficial partnerships within the industry.

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